

## CHARTER COMMISSION

### PROPOSED AGENDA FOR JANUARY 9, 2018, MEETING

4:30 P.M. – ROOM 104 OF CITY HALL

- A. Administrative Business
  - a. Call Meeting to Order
  - b. Recording of Attendance
  - c. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2017 meeting
  - d. Set Order of Agenda
  - e. Communications
    - Memo from City Clerk Anissa Hollingshead
    - Section 15.05, Subd. 3
    - Proposed Section 2.01, Subd. 3
- B. Open Comment Period
- C. Committee Reports
  - Nominating committee
- D. Unfinished and Deferred Business
  - Recording of meetings – Jerry Reich, City IT
  - Review of Section 2.01, Subd. 3 – Gender neutral language
- E. New Business
  - Election of officers for 2018
  - Ranked Choice Voting – request for public hearing?
  - Review of Section 15.05, Subd. 3 – RPU rate setting
- F. Other business - as may be brought up by members
- G. Adjourn

# ROCHESTER



## Office of the City Clerk

Anissa N. Hollingshead  
507-328-2911

### MEMORANDUM

*To the Rochester Charter Commission*

January 3, 2017

I regret I am unable to join you at your January meeting due to a conflicting commitment. Prior to coming to Rochester, I worked in election administration over multiple election cycles in different jurisdictions, including elections using ranked-choice voting. I welcome the opportunity to provide information and answer questions that may help provide direct information from the perspective of election administration. This memo attempts to provide an initial groundwork for this information, and it is my hope there will be an opportunity to build on this groundwork at a future meeting.

My role is not to advocate for or against a potential change to the voting methodology used by Rochester voters. There are, however, potential impacts to how elections are administered in Rochester that would result from a shift to RCV. It is appropriate and essential for the City Clerk's Office to provide as much information about the election administration process before the Charter Commission and ultimately the voters of Rochester make any decisions about making a shift in the City's current electoral processes.

The number one consideration that must be conveyed is that a shift to ranked-choice voting will likely also require a shift to odd-year municipal elections.<sup>1</sup> State law<sup>2</sup> provides specifications around how state and federal elections are administered, and requires uniformity in ballot preparation.<sup>3</sup> I do not believe it is permissible under current state law to simultaneously conduct both state electoral contests using the current first-past-the-post or plurality voting methodology and municipal races utilizing ranked-choice voting. There are both technical limitations with voting equipment and space limitations that would make it very difficult to place contests with different tabulation methods on the same ballot card, and state law prohibits more than one ballot card.<sup>4</sup>

As a practical matter, it would be less than desirable even if it were to be technically possible to hold state, federal, and municipal elections in a single election event for three major reasons. First and most significant because of the potential direct impact to voters, presenting multiple voting methodologies to

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<sup>1</sup> Currently Minneapolis and Saint Paul are the only Minnesota cities using ranked-choice voting, and both hold their municipal elections in odd years. There are several contraindications that appear to make it difficult if not impossible to hold an RCV election with a state general election.

<sup>2</sup> Minn. Stat. Chapter 204D

<sup>3</sup> Minn. Stat. Chapter 204D.09 provides that the Secretary of State shall supply a copy of an example ballot to be used at the state primary and state general election, and requires the official ballot, including any municipal races, to "conform in all respects to the example ballot."

<sup>4</sup> Minn. Stat. 206.90 Subd. 6

voters on a crowded ballot in a single trip to the polls multiplies the challenges of providing easy to understand voter instructions voter education and messaging. This increases the likelihood of voter confusion and errors in completing the ballot, and has the potential to lead to the inability to properly determine voter intent and ensure every vote is counted. Second, the best current vote tabulation technology available in Minnesota for RCV<sup>5</sup> – which neither the City nor Olmsted County currently has – to the best of my knowledge and direct experience in working with it would be unable to tabulate multiple voting methodologies in a single election event, likely resulting in the inability to use vote tabulators at all in the tabulation of municipal elections. This would mean all municipal races would have to be entirely hand counted. In addition to ensuring ballot design would be workable with tabulation equipment, it is also a requirement of federal law to have assistive voting devices available in each polling place for voters who may need assistance reading or marking a ballot, and that equipment also must be able to read the ballot design. Finally, a Primary election would still be necessary for some non-municipal offices on the ballot in even years, negating any potential cost-savings from eliminating an election event, which is one potential advantage of ranked-choice voting otherwise.

There are also repercussions to shifting to odd year elections. Most significantly, it would likely require the City to handle the administration of municipal elections in the entirety. Since 1997 Olmsted County had reached an agreement for the County to take over most of election administration from the City Clerk's Office. The City Clerk's Office has remained responsible for securing both polling locations and election judges, and administering any special municipal elections outside of scheduled elections. Just as is the case with any special elections, moving to odd year elections without state or federal contests on the ballot as well would likely result in the need for the City to administer those elections. This would result in significant budgetary impacts to the City, as the City is not currently staffed and resourced to conduct elections and does not have its own equipment any longer.<sup>6</sup> This is in addition to the additional cost that may be associated with ranked-choice voting generally. Although one advantage of RCV sometimes mentioned by proponents is lower cost elections, largely due to the elimination of a primary, in practice Minneapolis has held three municipal elections using RCV since 2009 and has found in each year the costs have not been lower.

This is a very brief outline of the major issues in terms of election administration I feel it is necessary for the commission to be aware of as it considers the merits of ranked-choice voting. If it is the desire of the commission for a future meeting, I welcome the opportunity to prepare more detailed information about the administration of RCV, as well as to speak directly to my experience working with the City of Minneapolis, including developing and running voter education programs focused on ranked-choice voting.

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<sup>5</sup> Minneapolis uses equipment from ES&S, the same vendor utilized by Olmsted County, but has upgraded to a newer model of ballot tabulator than is used by Olmsted County. Current Olmsted County equipment would necessitate a full hand count of any RCV election, as was done in Minneapolis in 2009.

<sup>6</sup> Resources required would include some level of dedicated permanent staff, additional temporary staff in election years, equipment owned or leased by the City, additional technology, and significant use of specialized services from other sources. The tremendous increase seen state-wide in absentee voting since the advent of "no-excuse" absentee voting in 2014 adds significantly to the resources that would be required, as currently the county handles all absentee voting, both in-person and by mail, in Rochester elections.

## SUMMARY

### Election Administration Issues:

- Restriction to a single ballot card
- Challenges in mixing election styles on a ballot card
- Requirement for ballot to be readable by assistive voting technology
- Current voting equipment does not provide enhanced RCV-related capabilities
- Purchase of new equipment now may get to that next threshold, but will make it more difficult to move to more advanced equipment if/when it becomes available
- Likely to require City-administration of municipal elections

### Some Potential RCV Advantages:

- Elimination of the need for a primary
- Increased likelihood of winners attaining support from a majority of voters
- Larger potential pool of candidates for voters to choose between
- Potential for more positive campaigning (if I'm not your first choice, would you consider me for second or third?)
- For odd year elections:
  - increased focus on municipal races
  - increased parity in voter pools for different municipal offices

### Some Potential Risks Associated with RCV:

- Increased cost
- Required shift to odd year elections
- Increased need for voter education
- Potential for exhausted ballots preventing majority wins
- Potential for voters choosing not to rank votes
- Potential voter confusion or uncertainty


For the commission's reference, I am also providing some recent sample ballots from Minneapolis and Saint Paul, illustrating the different layouts that can be used for elections using ranked-choice voting, and the additional ballot space required to present those contests, and a handout that was used in Minneapolis to explain the counting process to voters. The City of Minneapolis' Elections website (<http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/rcv/index.htm>) includes a section about ranked-choice voting that provides both basic information about how ranked-choice voting works, and historical information about how Minneapolis implemented RCV that may also be of interest.

# SAMPLE CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

NOVEMBER 3, 2015

## Follow these Ranked Voting instructions carefully:

- Select only one candidate for each of your choices
- You are not required to choose more than one candidate
- Do not select the same candidate for more than one choice
- To vote, completely fill in the oval next to the candidate of your choice, like this: 

### CITY OFFICES

COUNCIL MEMBER

WARD 1

VOTE FOR ONE

<b>1st choice</b> Select one	<b>2nd choice (if any)</b> Select one	<b>3rd choice (if any)</b> Select one
<input type="radio"/> DAI THAO	<input type="radio"/> DAI THAO	<input type="radio"/> DAI THAO
<input type="radio"/> TRAHERN JEEN CREWS	<input type="radio"/> TRAHERN JEEN CREWS	<input type="radio"/> TRAHERN JEEN CREWS
<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any	<input type="radio"/> _____ write-in, if any

\*Election using RCV - only one City Council on the ballot for each voter in the City

St Paul 1-1

Turn over ballot to vote on school board offices

VOTE FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT


OFFICIAL BALLOT

**SAMPLE CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT**  
**SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**  
**VOTE FOR UP TO FOUR**

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> | LINDA FREEMAN        |
| <input type="radio"/> | GREG COPELAND        |
| <input type="radio"/> | SCOTT RASKIEWICZ     |
| <input type="radio"/> | ZUKI ELLIS           |
| <input type="radio"/> | KEITH HARDY          |
| <input type="radio"/> | AARON ANTHONY BENNER |
| <input type="radio"/> | STEVE MARCHESE       |
| <input type="radio"/> | MARY VANDERWERT      |
| <input type="radio"/> | JON SCHUMACHER       |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____                |
| <input type="radio"/> | write-in, if any     |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____                |
| <input type="radio"/> | write-in, if any     |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____                |
| <input type="radio"/> | write-in, if any     |
| <input type="radio"/> | _____                |
| <input type="radio"/> | write-in, if any     |

\*Back side of the ballot included a single non-RCV race for all voters

**Turn over ballot to vote on city office**

**VOTE FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT**

# Sample Ballot

State General Election Ballot  
Precinct Saint Paul W-1 P-1  
Ramsey County, Minnesota  
November 8, 2016

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the box(es) next to your choice(es) like this:



Federal Offices	State Offices	School District Offices
<b>President and Vice-President</b> <b>Vote For One Team</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence Republican  <input type="checkbox"/> Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine Democratic-Farmer-Labor  <input type="checkbox"/> Darrell Castle and Scott Bradley Constitution Party  <input type="checkbox"/> Dan R. Vacek and Mark Elworth, Jr. Legal Marijuana Now  <input type="checkbox"/> Alyson Kennedy and Osborne Hart Socialist Workers Party  <input type="checkbox"/> Jill Stein and Howie Hawkins Green Party  <input type="checkbox"/> "Rocky" Roque De La Fuente and Michael Steinberg American Delta Party  <input type="checkbox"/> Evan McMullin and Nathan Johnson Independence  <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Johnson and William Weld Libertarian Party  <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>State Senator</b> <b>District 64</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Baird Republican  <input type="checkbox"/> Dick Cohen Democratic-Farmer-Labor  <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----  <b>State Representative</b> <b>District 64A</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Riley Horan Republican  <input type="checkbox"/> Erin Murphy Democratic-Farmer-Labor  <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>School District Offices</b> <b>Special election for school board member to fill vacancy in term expiring January 1, 2018</b> <b>Saint Paul Public Schools</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Cindy Kerr  <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Copeland  <input type="checkbox"/> Jeanelle Foster  <input type="checkbox"/> Eduardo Barrera  <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Klehr  <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>United States Representative</b> <b>District 4</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Ryan Republican  <input type="checkbox"/> Betty McCollum Democratic-Farmer-Labor  <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Pendergast Sindt Legal Marijuana Now  <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Constitutional Amendment</b> Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.  To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the box next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the box next to the word "No" on that question.  <b>Remove Lawmakers' Power to Set Their Own Pay</b> Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove state lawmakers' power to set their own salaries, and instead establish an independent, citizens-only council to prescribe salaries of lawmakers?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  <input type="checkbox"/> No -----	
	<b>County Offices</b> <b>Conservation District Supervisor</b> <b>District 4</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Carrie Wasley  <input type="checkbox"/> Lena Buggs  <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	

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\*2016 General Election (non-RCV) ballot for comparison

# Sample Ballot

State General Election Ballot  
Precinct Saint Paul W-1 P-1  
Ramsey County, Minnesota  
November 8, 2016

Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the box(es) next to your choice(es) like this:



Judicial Offices Supreme Court	Judicial Offices Court of Appeals	Judicial Offices 2nd District Court
<b>Associate Justice 6</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Natalie Hudson Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle L. MacDonald <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 17</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew E. Johnson Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 12</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Nicole J. Starr Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>Judicial Offices Court of Appeals</b> <b>Judge 5</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Louise Dvorn Bjorkman Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 18</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Schellhas Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 16</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Ireland Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>Judge 8</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Denise D. Reilly Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 19</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Francis Connolly Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 18</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> David C. Higgs Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>Judge 11</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle A. Larkin Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judicial Offices 2nd District Court</b> <b>Judge 3</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> George T. Stephenson Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 21</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Gilligan Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>Judge 13</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Randolph W. Peterson Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 6</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Richard H. Kyle Jr. Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 25</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Judith M. Tilsen Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>Judge 14</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Larry Stauber Jr. Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 9</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sara Grewing Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 26</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> John H. Guthmann Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----
<b>Judge 16</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 10</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Frisch Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----	<b>Judge 27</b> <b>Vote For One</b> <input type="checkbox"/> William H. Leary Incumbent <input type="checkbox"/> write-in, if any -----

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\*Backside of 2016 (non-RCV) ballot



# Sample Ballot

Judge\_\_\_\_\_

## City and School District Ballot

City of Saint Paul  
Precinct Saint Paul W-1 P-1  
Ramsey County, Minnesota  
November 7, 2017

Judge\_\_\_\_\_

### Follow these Ranked Voting instructions carefully:

- Select only one candidate for each of your choices
- You are not required to choose more than one candidate
- Do not select the same candidate for more than one choice
- To vote, completely fill in the box next to the candidate of your choice, like this: ☒

City Offices	City Offices	City Offices
<b>Mayor</b> <b>1st choice</b> <b>Select One</b>	<b>Mayor</b> <b>2nd choice (if any)</b> <b>Select One</b>	<b>Mayor</b> <b>3rd choice (if any)</b> <b>Select One</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dai Thao	<input type="checkbox"/> Dai Thao	<input type="checkbox"/> Dai Thao
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Goldstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Goldstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Goldstein
<input type="checkbox"/> Barnabas Joshua Yshua	<input type="checkbox"/> Barnabas Joshua Yshua	<input type="checkbox"/> Barnabas Joshua Yshua
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Holbrook
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Anderson
<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Harris
<input type="checkbox"/> Holden Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> Holden Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> Holden Holden
<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth A. Dickinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth A. Dickinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth A. Dickinson
<input type="checkbox"/> Trahern Crews	<input type="checkbox"/> Trahern Crews	<input type="checkbox"/> Trahern Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Carter
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, if any
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<b>Mayor</b> <b>4th choice (if any)</b> <b>Select One</b>	<b>Mayor</b> <b>5th choice (if any)</b> <b>Select One</b>	<b>Mayor</b> <b>6th choice (if any)</b> <b>Select One</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dai Thao	<input type="checkbox"/> Dai Thao	<input type="checkbox"/> Dai Thao
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Goldstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Goldstein	<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Goldstein
<input type="checkbox"/> Barnabas Joshua Yshua	<input type="checkbox"/> Barnabas Joshua Yshua	<input type="checkbox"/> Barnabas Joshua Yshua
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Holbrook	<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Holbrook
<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Anderson
<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Harris
<input type="checkbox"/> Holden Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> Holden Holden	<input type="checkbox"/> Holden Holden
<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth A. Dickinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth A. Dickinson	<input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth A. Dickinson
<input type="checkbox"/> Trahern Crews	<input type="checkbox"/> Trahern Crews	<input type="checkbox"/> Trahern Crews
<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Carter	<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin Carter
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, if any	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in, if any
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**\*2017 RCV ballot - one race for all City voters, 6 rankings possible**

Turn over ballot to vote on school board offices  
Vote front and back of ballot

## Sample Ballot

**City and School District Ballot**  
Saint Paul Public Schools  
Precinct Saint Paul W-1 P-1  
Ramsey County, Minnesota  
November 7, 2017

**Instructions to Voters:** To vote, completely fill in the box(es) next to your choice(s) like this: 

### School District Offices

#### School Board Member

Vote For Up To Three

<input type="checkbox"/>	Greg Copeland
<input type="checkbox"/>	Marny Xiong
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeannie Foster
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Brodrick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke Bellville
<input type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Touhey
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in, if any
<input type="checkbox"/>	----- Write-in, if any
<input type="checkbox"/>	----- Write-in, if any
<input type="checkbox"/>	----- Write-in, if any

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\*Backside of 2017 ballot included a single non-RCV  
race for all voters

Turn over ballot to vote on city office  
Vote front and back of ballot

**Official Ballot**  
**City General Election Ballot**  
**City of Minneapolis**  
**November 7, 2017**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge

**Ranked Choice Voting Instructions to the Voters**

Rank up to 3 different candidates for each office.  
 Vote from left to right in each office in order of your preference.  
 To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

**City Offices**

**Mayor**

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> Nekima Levy-Pounds Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Nekima Levy-Pounds Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Nekima Levy-Pounds Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Jacob Frey Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Jacob Frey Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Jacob Frey Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Gregg A. Iverson Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Gregg A. Iverson Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Gregg A. Iverson Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Betsy Hodges Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Betsy Hodges Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Betsy Hodges Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Charlie Gers Libertarian Party	<input type="radio"/> Charlie Gers Libertarian Party	<input type="radio"/> Charlie Gers Libertarian Party
<input type="radio"/> David Rosenfeld Socialist Workers Party	<input type="radio"/> David Rosenfeld Socialist Workers Party	<input type="radio"/> David Rosenfeld Socialist Workers Party
<input type="radio"/> Ian Simpson The Idea Party	<input type="radio"/> Ian Simpson The Idea Party	<input type="radio"/> Ian Simpson The Idea Party
<input type="radio"/> Captain Jack Sparrow Basic Income Guarantee	<input type="radio"/> Captain Jack Sparrow Basic Income Guarantee	<input type="radio"/> Captain Jack Sparrow Basic Income Guarantee
<input type="radio"/> Troy Benjegerdes Farmer Labor	<input type="radio"/> Troy Benjegerdes Farmer Labor	<input type="radio"/> Troy Benjegerdes Farmer Labor
<input type="radio"/> Aswar Rahman Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Aswar Rahman Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Aswar Rahman Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Al Flowers Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Al Flowers Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Al Flowers Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Raymond Dehn Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Raymond Dehn Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Raymond Dehn Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Tom Hoch Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Tom Hoch Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Tom Hoch Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> David John Wilson Rainbows Butterflies Unicorns	<input type="radio"/> David John Wilson Rainbows Butterflies Unicorns	<input type="radio"/> David John Wilson Rainbows Butterflies Unicorns
<input type="radio"/> Ronald Lischeid People Over Politics	<input type="radio"/> Ronald Lischeid People Over Politics	<input type="radio"/> Ronald Lischeid People Over Politics
<input type="radio"/> L.A. Nik Independent	<input type="radio"/> L.A. Nik Independent	<input type="radio"/> L.A. Nik Independent
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write-in, if any	write-in, if any	write-in, if any

**Council Member Ward One**

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> John Hayden Independent	<input type="radio"/> John Hayden Independent	<input type="radio"/> John Hayden Independent
<input type="radio"/> Jillia Pessenda Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Jillia Pessenda Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Jillia Pessenda Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/> Kevin Reich Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Kevin Reich Democratic-Farmer-Labor	<input type="radio"/> Kevin Reich Democratic-Farmer-Labor
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write-in, if any	write-in, if any	write-in, if any

\*2017 municipal ballot - all RCV with multiple races,  
 allowing up to three rankings per race

MINNEAPOLIS W-1 P-01  
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Vote Front and Back of Ballot

Typ:01 Seq:0056 Spl:01

ATTENTION VOTERS: See other side of ballot for voting instructions

### City Offices

#### Board of Estimate and Taxation

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. Two to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> David B. Wheeler	<input type="radio"/> David B. Wheeler	<input type="radio"/> David B. Wheeler
<input type="radio"/> Carol Becker	<input type="radio"/> Carol Becker	<input type="radio"/> Carol Becker
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____ write-in, if any	_____ write-in, if any	_____ write-in, if any

#### Park and Recreation Commissioner At Large

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. Three to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> Londel French	<input type="radio"/> Londel French	<input type="radio"/> Londel French
<input type="radio"/> Devin Hogan	<input type="radio"/> Devin Hogan	<input type="radio"/> Devin Hogan
<input type="radio"/> Bob Sullentrop	<input type="radio"/> Bob Sullentrop	<input type="radio"/> Bob Sullentrop
<input type="radio"/> Jonathan Honerbrink	<input type="radio"/> Jonathan Honerbrink	<input type="radio"/> Jonathan Honerbrink
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<input type="radio"/> Meg Forney	<input type="radio"/> Meg Forney	<input type="radio"/> Meg Forney
<input type="radio"/> Charlie Casserly	<input type="radio"/> Charlie Casserly	<input type="radio"/> Charlie Casserly
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#### Park and Recreation Commissioner District One

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> Chris Meyer	<input type="radio"/> Chris Meyer	<input type="radio"/> Chris Meyer
<input type="radio"/> Mohamed Issa Barre	<input type="radio"/> Mohamed Issa Barre	<input type="radio"/> Mohamed Issa Barre
<input type="radio"/> Billy Menz	<input type="radio"/> Billy Menz	<input type="radio"/> Billy Menz
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_____ write-in, if any	_____ write-in, if any	_____ write-in, if any

\*Backside of 2017 RCV ballot, included multi-seat races

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MINNEAPOLIS W-1 P-01		CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS		NOVEMBER 5, 2013	
<b>OFFICIAL BALLOT</b>					
<b>CITY GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT</b>					
Judge _____ Judge _____					
<b>RANKED CHOICE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS</b>					
Rank up to 3 different candidates for each office. Vote from left to right in each office in order of your preference. Completely fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE NAME					
<b>CITY OFFICES</b>					
<b>MAYOR</b>					
Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.					
1 1st Choice Select One		2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One		3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One	
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<input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER CLARK Libertarian Party		<input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER CLARK Libertarian Party		<input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER CLARK Libertarian Party	
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<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>					
<b>WARD ONE</b>					
Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.					
1 1st Choice Select One		2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One		3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One	
<input type="radio"/> MARK FOX Independent		<input type="radio"/> MARK FOX Independent		<input type="radio"/> MARK FOX Independent	
<input type="radio"/> KEVIN REICH Democratic-Farmer-Labor		<input type="radio"/> KEVIN REICH Democratic-Farmer-Labor		<input type="radio"/> KEVIN REICH Democratic-Farmer-Labor	
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Write-in, if any		Write-in, if any		Write-in, if any	
<b>*2013 RCV ballot</b>					
<b>VOTE FRONT AND BACK OF BALLOT</b>					
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ATTENTION VOTERS: See other side of ballot for voting instructions

**BOARD OF ESTIMATE  
AND TAXATION**

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. Two to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> CAROL J. BECKER	<input type="radio"/> CAROL J. BECKER	<input type="radio"/> CAROL J. BECKER
<input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS SEMBLA	<input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS SEMBLA	<input type="radio"/> DOUGLAS SEMBLA
<input type="radio"/> DAVID B WHEELER	<input type="radio"/> DAVID B WHEELER	<input type="radio"/> DAVID B WHEELER
<input type="radio"/> DAVID PASCOE	<input type="radio"/> DAVID PASCOE	<input type="radio"/> DAVID PASCOE
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Write-in, if any	Write-in, if any	Write-in, if any

**PARK AND RECREATION  
COMMISSIONER AT LARGE**

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. Three to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> STEVE BARLAND	<input type="radio"/> STEVE BARLAND	<input type="radio"/> STEVE BARLAND
<input type="radio"/> ISHMAEL ISRAEL	<input type="radio"/> ISHMAEL ISRAEL	<input type="radio"/> ISHMAEL ISRAEL
<input type="radio"/> CASPER HILL	<input type="radio"/> CASPER HILL	<input type="radio"/> CASPER HILL
<input type="radio"/> MEG FORNEY	<input type="radio"/> MEG FORNEY	<input type="radio"/> MEG FORNEY
<input type="radio"/> JOHN ERWIN	<input type="radio"/> JOHN ERWIN	<input type="radio"/> JOHN ERWIN
<input type="radio"/> MARY LYNN MCPHERSON	<input type="radio"/> MARY LYNN MCPHERSON	<input type="radio"/> MARY LYNN MCPHERSON
<input type="radio"/> HASHIM YONIS	<input type="radio"/> HASHIM YONIS	<input type="radio"/> HASHIM YONIS
<input type="radio"/> ANNIE YOUNG	<input type="radio"/> ANNIE YOUNG	<input type="radio"/> ANNIE YOUNG
<input type="radio"/> JASON STONE	<input type="radio"/> JASON STONE	<input type="radio"/> JASON STONE
<input type="radio"/> TOM NORDYKE	<input type="radio"/> TOM NORDYKE	<input type="radio"/> TOM NORDYKE
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Write-in, if any	Write-in, if any	Write-in, if any

**PARK AND RECREATION  
COMMISSIONER DISTRICT ONE**

Rank your first, second and third choice candidates in the columns below. One to be elected.

1 1st Choice Select One	2 2nd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st choice. Select One	3 3rd Choice, if any Must be DIFFERENT from your 1st and 2nd choices. Select One
<input type="radio"/> LIZ WIELINSKI	<input type="radio"/> LIZ WIELINSKI	<input type="radio"/> LIZ WIELINSKI
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Write-in, if any	Write-in, if any	Write-in, if any

**CITY QUESTIONS**

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" on that question.

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE  
MINNEAPOLIS CITY CHARTER**

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended in the form of a complete revision which (1) modernizes the Charter; (2) redrafts its provisions for brevity and in plain language; (3) reorganizes the Charter into nine articles, and groups related provisions together; (4) removes from the Charter certain provisions for possible enactment into ordinance; and (5) retains the current role and relationships of City boards and commissions?

☐ YES  
☐ NO

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" on that question.

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE  
MINNEAPOLIS CITY CHARTER  
LIQUOR-LICENSING PROVISIONS**

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter provisions relating to the sale of liquor and wine be amended by reorganizing and rewriting in plain modern language?

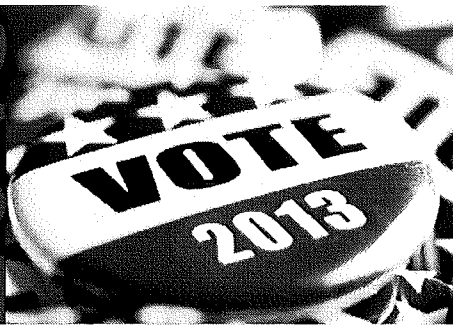
☐ YES  
☐ NO

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NOVEMBER 5



## Counting a ranked-choice voting election

Ranked-choice voting allows you to rank up to three candidates for each municipal office. Your ballot will count for your 2nd choice only if your 1st choice is eliminated from the race, and it will count for your 3rd choice only if your first two choices are eliminated. That means a special process is needed to count the ballots and calculate the results. Here's how it works.

### ROUND 1

Let's say we're electing a city park for mayor. Voters can rank up to three choices on the ballot. In the first round, all 1st choices on the ballots are counted. To win a single-seat race like the mayor's office, a candidate needs to reach a threshold of  $50\% + 1$  of the votes. In this case, no one has enough votes to win after round 1. The chart to the right shows our totals after counting all the first choice votes.

#### Round 1

Chain of Lakes	21.4% 131 votes
Downtown Riverfront	15.8% 97 votes
Minnehaha Park	23.0% 141 votes
North Mississippi	17.8% 109 votes
Wirth Park	20.8% 127 votes
Write-ins	1.1% 7 votes

### ROUND 2

Because this is a ranked-choice voting election, we move on to another round of counting. In this round, the candidate with the fewest 1st choice votes is defeated. In this case, it is the group of write-in candidates. The votes cast for these candidates as a first choice are transferred to those voters' 2nd choices. Downtown Riverfront is also defeated because, even if it were to receive all the 2nd choice votes transferred from the defeated write-ins, it would still not have enough votes to surpass the next candidate. In other words, Downtown Riverfront has no mathematical possibility of winning. Note that only the defeated candidates' votes are transferred. Votes cast for all other candidates continue to count for those candidates.

So we eliminate two candidates and add second-choice votes to the other four candidates to come up with round 2 totals:

#### Round 1

Chain of Lakes	21.4% 131 votes
Downtown Riverfront	15.8% 97 votes
Minnehaha Park	23.0% 141 votes
North Mississippi	17.8% 109 votes
Wirth Park	20.8% 127 votes
Write-ins	1.1% 7 votes

Vote  
Change

+40 votes
-97 votes
+33 votes
+14 votes
+17 votes
-7 votes

#### Round 2

Chain of Lakes	27.9% 171 votes
Downtown Riverfront	
Minnehaha Park	28.4% 174 votes
North Mississippi	20.1% 123 votes
Wirth Park	23.5% 144 votes
Write-ins	

### ROUND 3

If a candidate had met the threshold of  $50\% + 1$  of the total votes, we'd have a winner. But in this case, no one did, so we move on to round 3 of counting. Again, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. This time it's North Mississippi. North Mississippi's votes are redistributed to the next ranked choice on those voters' ballots.

So after redistributing those votes, we get round 3 totals:

Round 2		Vote Change	Round 3	
Chain of Lakes	27.9% 171 votes	+43 votes	Chain of Lakes	34.7% 214 votes
Downtown Riverfront			Downtown Riverfront	
Minnehaha Park	28.4% 174 votes	+47 votes	Minnehaha Park	36.1% 221 votes
North Mississippi	20.1% 123 votes	-123 votes	North Mississippi	
Wirth Park	23.5% 144 votes	+33 votes	Wirth Park	28.9% 177 votes
Write-ins			Write-ins	

### ROUND 4

If a candidate had reached the threshold after three rounds, that candidate would be the winner. But in this instance, no one has met the threshold of  $50\% + 1$  of the total votes, so we move on to round 4 of counting. Wirth Park has the lowest number of votes after round 3, so it's eliminated and its votes are redistributed to the next ranked choice on those voters' ballots.

After those votes are redistributed, **Chain of Lakes has enough votes to surpass the threshold of  $50\% + 1$  of the total votes, so it's the winning candidate.**

Round 3		Vote Change	Round 4	
Chain of Lakes	34.7% 214 votes	+93 votes	Chain of Lakes	50.2% 307 votes
Downtown Riverfront			Downtown Riverfront	
Minnehaha Park	36.1% 221 votes	+84 votes	Minnehaha Park	49.8% 305 votes
North Mississippi			North Mississippi	
Wirth Park	28.9% 177 votes	-177 votes	Wirth Park	
Write-ins			Write-ins	



## CHARTER COMMISSION

MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2017

4:30 P.M. – ROOM 104 CITY HALL

### A. Administrative Business

- a. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting of the Commission was held in Room 104 of City Hall and was called to order by Chair Vince Barry at approximately 4:32 p.m.
- b. Recording of Attendance: Present were commission members Vince Barry, Kathy Meyerle, Jane Belau, Fred Suhler, Kellie Mueller, Fran Bradley, Leigh Johnson, Dave Senjem, Robert Haeussinger, and Ray Schmitz. Absent were commission members, Dick Hall, John Eckerman, Stephanie Podulke, Carol Kamper, and Marcia Marcoux.
- c. Approval of Minutes: Member Leigh Johnson moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2017. Motion seconded by member Kathy Meyerle. Vote: Unanimous with 9 ayes; 0 nays.
- d. Set Order of Agenda: Agenda set as ordered.
- e. Communications: Chair Vince Barry outlined the communication piece as follows:
  - Draft Annual Report

### B. Open Comment Period:

Members of the Youth Action Group addressed the Commission wishing to discuss changes to Chapter II, Section 2.01, Subsection 3, specifically requesting that this section reflect gender neutral language to keep consistent with recent changes. Deputy David Goslee addressed the Youth Action Group and stated this matter will be addressed under Other Business by member Kellie Mueller.

With no other comments, open comment period closed.

### C. Committee Reports: None

### D. Unfinished and Deferred Business:

- a. Update on amendments proposed to Council: Deputy City Attorney David Goslee updated the Commission as to the two matters that were presented to the Council being: 1) The request by RPU to allow the election of officers to be at a different meeting than the first meeting of the year; and, 2) matters brought by City Clerk relating to the timing of the mayor's approval and the reading of ordinances. Goslee indicated both matters passed and received first reading and will be brought back to Council for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading before becoming effective, subject to citizen petition. Member Kellie Mueller asked if the City Clerk was favorable to what she was asking for. Goslee reaffirmed that what was passed met the City Clerk's requirements.

E. New Business:

- a. Recording of Meetings: Goslee stated that conference room 104 currently does not have the capability to produce video recording of meetings. Although the Council initially approved this, the Mayor vetoed this action and video recording is not possible. Questions arose as to what the options are to record meetings. Goslee referred to legal assistant Jody Houghton for further clarification. Houghton addressed the Commission to indicate that there is a portable recording system that can be used to audio record the meetings onto a CD. Much discussion was held between the members with questions of: 1) is recording of meetings needed with a secretary available to take minutes; 2) does the Council wish to have all Boards record meetings; 3) how often would recordings be accessed. Member Kathy Meyerle moved to have a staff member from the City's IT department available to answer questions and explain how recording of meetings work, where does information go after meeting, and is it available to the public and how? Member Jane Belau seconded motion. With no further discussion – vote: Ayes – 8; Nay – 1.
- b. Draft Annual Report: Member Bob Haeussinger moved to approve annual report as drafted. Motion seconded by member Leigh Johnson. With no further discussion vote taken: Aye – 9; Nay – 0. Motion carried.

F. Other business:

- a. Webpage: Member Kathy Meyerle wished to bring up a few issues with the Charter Commission webpage and the lack of past minutes being posted and inquired if the content can be updated to include the member's term information. A brief discussion was held amongst the members if short biographies should be included; however, it was determined to be unnecessary. Legal Assistant Houghton responded to the Commission's concerns and indicated that she will make the requested changes to the website and bring back to Commission for review in January.
- b. Rank Choice Voting: Member Ray Schmitz moved to discuss the issue of rank choice voting at the next meeting in January. Member Senjem reminded the members that the Commission tabled this topic indefinitely at a previous meeting. Schmitz withdrew his motion. A new motion was made to remove rank choice as a tabled item and discuss at the next meeting. Vote: Aye – 5; Nay- 4; motion passed. Member Kathy Meyerle then moved to discuss rank choice voting at the January meeting. Vote: Aye –9; Nay – 0. Motion passed.
- c. RPU Board/Rate Setting: Member Ray Schmitz addressed the Commission and asked that Section 15.05 subd. 3 be reviewed and added to the January agenda. Schmitz indicated he would like to see a more formal procedure established for rate setting including requirement of having a public hearing so that rates can be discussed. Deputy City Attorney Goslee asked that Schmitz prepare proposed language and send to him for inclusion to the January agenda.
- d. Gender Neutral Language: Member Kellie Mueller moved to request the City

Attorney delete the following statement from Chapter II, Section 2.01 Subdivision 3: *In construing this charter, words and phrases in the masculine gender include the feminine and shall not indicate any bias as to sex.* Mueller further moved that if the City Attorney cannot make that change, then this matter be brought before council for repeal. Motion seconded by Leigh Johnson. Chair Vince Barry opened for discussion. Members felt that this clause is merely a common provision found in state law's and did not feel this was an issue to gender neutrality based upon the revisions just completed to the Home Rule Charter. Vote on motion: Aye – 3; Nay – 5. Motion failed.

Meyerle suggested insertion of a new first sentence in Subd. 3 to state *"Intent to all charter language be drafted to be gender neutral; however, in construing this charter, words and phrases in the masculine gender include the feminine and shall not indicate any bias as to sex."*

Mueller then read a proposed statement prepared by Leah Folpe of the Youth Action Group. Meyerle asked that the City Attorney review and bring back to January meeting for further discussion. Mueller indicated she will e-mail Folpe's proposed statement to Goslee.

e. Nominating Committee: Chair Vince Barry inquired with Goslee as to when and how positions will be elected. Goslee suggested the appointment of a nominating committee to bring back nominations of officers at the January meeting. Nominating Committee will consist of Vince Barry, Bob Haeussinger and Leigh Johnson.

- G. Adjourn: Member Kathy Meyerle motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Member Bob Haeussinger. Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. with the next scheduled meeting to be held on January 9, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. in conference room 104.

SECTION 15.05. (Board Powers). Subdivision 1. The public utility board shall control, manage, and operate the electric and steam heat facilities and distribution systems of the city. Any other public utility of the city may be placed under the control, management, and operation of the board with such limitation on its powers and duties relating thereto as the common council may provide by ordinance. The board shall not provide any public utility service to customers outside the assigned utility service area except as approved by the common council.

Subd. 2. The public utility board may create such departments and divisions for the administration of its affairs as it may deem necessary and from time to time alter their duties and organization. The board may appoint, employ and remove a general manager subject to any employment procedures established by this charter or the common council. The board shall conduct the general manager's annual performance evaluation and establish the general manager's compensation consistent with the council-approved compensation parameters. The board may delegate the performance review and compensation setting authority to the city administrator if it deems that appropriate. The general manager shall employ and remove such other employees as are authorized by the common council to perform the functions of the department. These other employees are subject to all employment policies and procedures established by the charter or the common council. (Amended by Ord. No. 4076 on July 12, 2012)

Subd. 3. The public utility board may adopt, amend, and rescind such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the control, management, and operation of the public utilities under its jurisdiction. The board shall, with the concurrence of the common council, fix the rates to be charged for the availability and use of the public utility commodities and services under its jurisdiction. Rates shall be reasonable and compensatory so as to cover all of the costs of the respective public utility and shall be uniform for all consumers within the same class, but different rates may be established for different classifications by the board. Rates within the city corporate limits may be less but shall be no greater than rates for the same classification outside the city limits.

Subd. 4. The board is authorized and required to restrain and prevent, so far as possible, any and all waste of water, electricity, heat power and other public utility service provided by the board, and may for non-payment of charges or other cause, shut off any utility service, or take other action relating thereto that it deems proper. Other action shall include, but is not limited to, charging the amounts owed against the premises to which service has been provided. Any claim for unpaid service which has been properly billed to the responsible party may be certified to the county auditor with the taxes against the property served, to be collected as other taxes are collected. The person or entity that contracted for utility service, which may include the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises, is also personally liable for utility charges, but no lien shall be placed on a landlord's property where a tenant contracted for service pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 325E.026, Subd. 2. (Amended by ordinance, effective August 10, 1996).

Subd. 3. (original) In construing this charter, words and phrases in the masculine gender include the feminine and shall not indicate any bias as to sex.

Subd. 3. (proposed) In construing this charter, words and phrases shall be gender-neutral and in no way indicate any bias as to sex. If language used in the charter appears to mistakenly or purposefully favor one gender over another, it shall be assumed that the word or phrase in question includes all genders.